GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:376
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2005
VIOLATION OF STOCKING NORMS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge stocks of wheat and rice were accumulated in the godowns between 1998 and 2002 much in excess of buffer stocking norms;

(b) if so, the reasons for violating the buffer stocking norms; and

(c) the action taken against the officials responsible for the said act?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.376 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22.08.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The total stock of foodgrains remained above the buffer norms during 1998 to 2002.

(b): As buffer stocking norms have been laid down to ensure sufficient availability of foodgrains with the Government to cater to the requirements of Public Distribution System (PDS) and other Welfare Schemes, building up of stocks beyond buffer norms does not constitute any violation.

(c): Does not arise.